

A History
OF THE
Parish Of St. Paul

1889 - 1964



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

DIOCESE OF BRANDON

DAUPHIN, MANITOBA

This is the story of the growth of a Parish Church. But it is really more than that; it is, rather, the story of the vision, labours and struggles of a very small number of the people of God striving to build God's Kingdom on earth. They were pioneers in a very real sense. A few of them are still with us of the Church Militant here on earth; they can bear witness to the struggles of earlier days. And many have joined the Saints at rest in Paradise. This is their story too.

As we observe our seventy-fifth anniversary, we thank God for all those who have gone before us, and pray that we may be worthy of our fellow saints in Christ.

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us".

Several of our people have been responsible for producing this history. Our thanks is due them for the many hours they have spent in research and in correcting the initial manuscript.

The first Anglican service held in Dauphin was in the summer of 1889 and was held in the two room log home of Mr. H.B. Whitmore, just south of the present town. This was central for both Gartmore and Old Dauphin. The Rev. Mark Jukes, M. A., from Minnedosa rode across the Riding Mountain to conduct the service. Mrs. P.J. Beauchamp brought her organ and played for the service. This was no small task as the organ had to be tied on the wagon and driven over prairie roads. The people brought lunch baskets and held their first congregational picnic after the service.

Lawrence Skey, later (1902) Rector of St. Anne's in Toronto, and Honorary Canon (1920) of St. John's College, Winnipeg, conducted services at different homes during the rest of the summer. There is no complete list of the homes used for this purpose but we do know that the homes of P.J. Beauchamp, Chas. Hoy and T. Parsons were used.

On Dec. 10th, 1889, the Church people feeling the need of a suitable building for public worship, called a parishioner's meeting in Gartmore, at which the following motion was passed -

"Proposed by W. Baylis seconded by Dr. P. J. Beauchamp, that a log church building 18'x 24 ' with a chancel 10 x 10 feet be erected at once." Carried The minutes were signed by W. Baylis, J. B. Nicholson and R. D. Wilkinson.

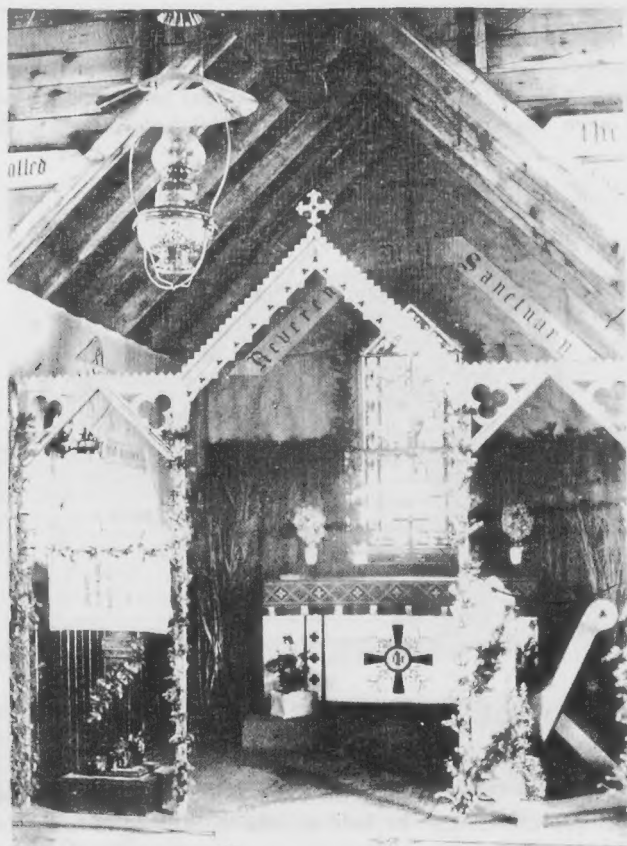


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GARTMORE, 1890

On December 30th, a general meeting of the congregation approved a motion that a banquet and concert be held on January 30th. The following committee was appointed to make arrangements: L.R. Iredale, H. Nicholson, W. Baylis, Dr. Beauchamp, Miss J. Iredale, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. W. Whitmore, Mrs. Beron, Mrs. Hoy, Mrs. Beauchamp and Mrs. H.B. Whitmore. There is no mention of what build-

ing in Gartmore was used for the banquet. The whole community turned out for a dinner of roast beef and yorkshire pudding followed by plum pudding. There is no mention of the programme for the concert.

One only needs to have talked to the pioneer Anglicans to know what an important year 1890 was for them - the year a dream came true and they built their first Church. This was accomplished with the aid of a grant of money from one of the Church Societies in England and by their own labour. The late Dr. MacNeill, in his "Early Days of Dauphin", gives us some idea of the work that was required. -Quote- "Needless to say, lumber was at a premium in those early days and for a time the supply depended on the strong and willing arms of Harry B. and William Whitmore. These two sturdy pioneers with their Whip-saw, sawed the logs donated by P.J. Beauchamp off his farm for St. Paul's Anglican Church at Gartmore". Every one seems to have given of his best to make it a beautiful little Church. Just to mention two gifts, a very beautiful chancel screen was made and hand carved by Mr. Selwyn Horton, and Mrs. P.J. Beauchamp was responsible for much of the embroidery on the church linen and hangings.



INTERIOR OF ST. PAUL'S GARTMORE

The Church was located in the village of Gartmore on the old Tom Whitmore farm, now owned by V.H. Rampton, and at that time, the centre of the settlement. For the first five years the Church was served by students from St. John's College, Winnipeg, with occasional visits from ordained clergymen among whom were the Revs. Ireland, Stoddart, Durdon and Middleton. April 8th, 1891, the work on the Church was completed and the Ladies of St. John's Church, Winnipeg sent a carpet for the Church.

St. Paul's Gartmore Church was consecrated in 1893 and in November 1893 a resident clergyman, the Rev. H.G. Wakefield was sent by the Archbishop of Rupert's Land to take charge of the mission which had rapidly increased in size and population.



THE REV. H.G. WAKEFIELD - FIRST RESIDENT CLERGYMAN

The Ladies of the church at that time formed a group to help with the church expenses and called their group "Ladies Aid" (The Women's Auxiliary was later inaugurated in 1923). One of the projects was to make men's work pants. For this, a chain-stitch sewing machine was used. At one of these Ladies Aid Meetings, held at the home of J.H. Hedderley, two little girls, Maud Whitmore and Emma Beauchamp were playing outside. Two young men, Alf Ashton and Bill Jackson were working in a field nearby. Presently Alf came to the house and the little girls asked where Billy was. Alf Announced that Billy, in his strenuous work had broken a seam or two in his pants with the result - no pants - and he had come up for a fresh supply.

Sunday was a welcome day in the work filled days of the pioneer's life. Rising at six on Sundays, the family, without question, did their allotted chores; feeding stock; pigs and poultry and doing the milking while breakfast was being prepared by the mother in the kitchen. Church was at eleven a.m. The team of oxen on the Beauchamp farm was seldom used to drive to church. The family walked winter and summer. Sunday School was at two p.m. and the distance again walked by the families. Any time left for playtime for the children was either to play Sunday School or Church. In the evening the families again wended their way to the little log church where the vesper hour was most sincerely entered into. In summer the young folk after service, walked the long way home by sweet scented clover fields and new mown hay, singing and enjoying each other's companionship. Their songs vieing with the feathered songsters that at the close of the day, muted their voices of praise to sleepy twitterings. The Whip-poor-Will's night song from a nearby thicket, broke the silence with his "Whip-poor-Will, poor-Will, poor-Will", gradually softening the tone into the stillness of the night, fittingly symbolizing:-

"The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
The darkness falls at Thy Behest;
To Thee our morning hymns ascended
Thy Praise shall sanctify our rest."

In our modern way of thinking, Faith is not finding, it's seeking. It's not achievement, it's growth. it's not knowing, it's what you depend on when you don't know. Walking with faith we find our best selves each other and God. It was in this faith in 1894 that a meeting of the members of the Church of England Congregation of Dauphin held in Mr. Farrar's school room on March 9th, brought forth a Motion to build a second Anglican Church, at the village of Old Dauphin. (Dog Town) so called because of there being more dogs than people.

Old Dauphin site was situated on the S.W. quarter 22-25-19, one mile north of the old C.N.R. Roundhouse, and one-half mile east on the river bank where now stands the home of Mr. George Buchannon.

Motion set out as follows; "At a meeting of the members of the Church of England congregation of Dauphin, held in Mr. Farrar's school room of Friday the 9th of March, 1894.

Rev. H.G. Wakefield in the chair. Moved by Mr. Gunne, seconded by Mr. Shand that in the opinion of this meeting, it is desirable that a church be erect-

ed in the Village of Dauphin, and this meeting pledges itself to take the steps necessary to secure the completion of said church at the earliest possible date.

Moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Buchannon, that the following gentlemen be appointed a committee with power to add to their numbers; Rev. H. G. Wakefield and Messrs. Gunne, Iredale, Sr., Shand, Ireland Jr., H. C. Ross, James Buchannon, J. McPherson and Thos. Playford, with the Mover and Seconder. CARRIED.

Moved by H. C. Ross, seconded by Wm. Farrer, that a frame church be erected 18 x 24 with Chancel 8 feet by 8 at an estimated cost of \$500.00 CARRIED.

Moved by H. C. Ross, seconded by Mr. Hicks that Mr. Shand be authorized to make such arrangements as he may see fit with reference to the hauling of the logs to the mill. CARRIED.

Moved by Mr. Gunne, seconded by Mr. Shand, that the meeting adjourn, to meet again at the call of the Chariman. CARRIED.

Sgt. H. G. Wakefield,
Chairman

Sgt. H. C. Ross, "
Secretary

So heartily did the members of Old Dauphin congregation work that the building which was begun on a Monday, was used in an unfinished state for worship on the following Sunday. This new church was called "All Saints". Henceforth each church had a service every Sunday while a third was held at some outlying settlement.

In September 1894, the Archbishop drove in from Neepawa and held a Confirmation service at St. Paul's church, Gartmore, and a dedication service at All Saints, Old Dauphin.

In the early part of 1895 it was decided to build a Vicarage and a site was chosen half way between the two villages. A substantial log house was erected by the parishioners. (The house is now owned by Mrs. Fred Long).



THE VICARAGE AT DAUPHIN.

All these years the hope of a railway into Dauphin had been by turns arousing and disappointing, but in the summer of 1896 it was at last realized and after much uncertainty and strenuous efforts on the part of each village to secure for itself the coveted advantages, it was finally decided by the Manitoba Railway and Canal Co., Portage la Prairie, to run their road and locate the town site about half way between the rival claimants and in October, the building of the new town was commenced. As the villages had to be removed to the new site, the church needs must follow, and shortly before Christmas, All Saints, Old Dauphin was drawn to a suitable site at the South West Corner of Vermillion Street and Burrows Ave., the same location as is now known as the corner of 2nd Ave. and 1st Street N.W., to be known for the future as St. Paul's Dauphin. (The St. Paul's Gartmore, was moved to the present site of the Allard Garage and was used as a Parish Hall). The services at that time were posted as follows: "Evening service every Sunday and Friday at 7:30 p.m. with morning service and Holy Communion every fourth Sunday. On Saint's days, Holy Communion and address at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School at 2:30 p.m." There was a branch of the Guild of St. Andrew which met in the Parish room every Sunday night. This was an organization of men associated with church work.

Though we have hitherto spoken only of the central and older part of the Dauphin District, it must not be supposed that the mission was confined within these limits. The Dauphin church was responsible for the care of her members among a population of over 4,000 souls scattered over an immense tract of country, some 1,000 square miles in extent, stretching from the Riding Mountains in the South to as far as settlement was extended to the north. Working single handed, the missionary was unable to hold services regularly at many places and the large area to the West known as Gilbert Plains, could only receive occasional visits. The principal stations were either monthly or fortnightly visited. Services were held at Wilson school house (9 miles from Dauphin), Spruce Creek school house (9 miles), Rigby (9 miles), Fairview (11 miles), and Turtle River school house (25 miles).

Dauphin was growing rapidly. Sidewalks consisted of boards, crosswise or lengthwise. The land was not levelled so the board walks were often trussed up to make for level walking. This constituted quite a hazard while walking on dark nights, but the populace solved the problem by all carrying lanterns; a sight to be remembered, bobbing lights in the dark.

In 1898 the Parish of St. Paul was legally constituted by a deed of formation of Archbishop Machray. By the year 1899, the congregation had increased so that the log church was no longer large enough. A third St. Paul's Church, this time a frame building was erected on the present site of Allard's Garage, replacing the Gartmore Building which much to the sorrow of those who helped to build it, was sold and the logs became a part of F. Neeley's house. The old Dauphin church (All Saints church) on the opposite corner of Vermillion street and Burrows Ave., (Corner 2nd Ave., and 1st St. N.W.) was now used as a Parish Hall. This third church was dedicated in 1899 by Archbishop Machray. The first wedding solemnized in this church was the wedding of Mr. Mark Cardiff and Miss Marian Clare Beauchamp. The Rev. H.G. Wakefield left in August, 1899 and was replaced by Rev. C.N.P. Jeffery, M.A., B.D.

Formation of the Parish

—OF—

St Paul, Dauphin

We, Robert, by Divine Permission, Arch-Bishop of Rupert's
Land, do hereby under the provisions of the Canon on Para-
chial Organization, erect and form into a Parish, to be known
as the Parish of *St Paul, Dauphin* —————
the district defined as follows:---Being in the Province of
Manitoba, and composed of *Townships Twenty-one (21)*
Range Twelfth (12) West of the Principal
Meridian ~~~~~

In testimony whereof we have affixed our Episcopal Seal
to this deed, which has been executed in duplicate, this
twenty sixth day of *July* in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
nineteen and in the *thirty fourth* -
year of our Consecration.



Not signed. Apparently not carried out.
Mr. Machray says to file away with papers.

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The name of the page was Paul, St. Paul, Rupert's Land.*

Sentence of Consecration

of *St Paul Dauphin*

In the Name of God. Amen.

Whereas we did lately receive the Petition of the *Reverend H. E.*
Wakefield M.A. Incumbent of the
Parish of *St Paul, Dauphin* and
of the several Churchwardens and Parishioners of the said Parish, whose names were thereunto
subscribed, praying, among other things, that we should be pleased, by virtue of our Pastoral and
Episcopal office, to Consecrate the church or edifice now erected in said Parish to be the Church
of the Parish of *St Paul, Dauphin*

Whereas we have taken said Petition into consideration and have determined to comply
with the same,

We, Robert, by Divine Permission, Bishop of Rupert's Land,
do, therefore, by virtue of our ordinary and Episcopal authority, now separate and set apart the
said edifice, containing in length, from east to west, *forty six* feet, and
in width, from north to south, *twenty six* feet, inclusive of the exterior
walls, *with a Porch with forty nine feet*

from all common and profane uses, and do hereby dedicate the same as the Church of
St Paul, Dauphin to God and Divine Worship, and do
consecrate it for the celebration of Divine Service therein, according to the Church of England, and
we do openly and publicly declare that it shall continue separated, dedicated, and consecrated by
this Our Sentence now pronounced in these Our Writings; saving and reserving to us and our
successors, Bishops of Rupert's Land, all ordinary and Episcopal jurisdiction, rights, and privileges.

In Testimony Whereof, We have caused Our Episco-
pal Seal to be hereunto affixed this _____ day
of *Jan* in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and _____ and in the
year of our Consecration.



To the Most Reverend Father in God, Robert, by Divine Commission, Bishop of Rupert's
Land, Metropolitan.

The Humble Petition of the Reverend H. G. Wakefield, M. A.
Incumbent of the Parish of St. Paul's

and of the several Churchwardens and Parishioners of the said Parish
whose names and signatures are hereunto sub-
scribed for themselves and in the name of the members of the Church of England in Rupert's Land, residing
in Grace Dawson members of St Paul's Congregation,
in your Lordship's Diocese and Jurisdiction.

Sheweth:

That at their own cost and charges with the aid of £52 from the S. P. C. K.
and £100 from the S. P. C. Marriott Bequest
they have built and finished an Edifice containing in length from East to West forty six
feet, and in width from North to South twenty six feet, inclusive of the exterior walls,
with a Porch eight feet by nine feet.

for the Public Worship of God, the Preaching of His Word, and the Administration of His Sacraments
according to the rites, ceremonies and ordinances of the said Church of England in Rupert's Land, and are
desirous to have it set apart from all profane and common uses whatsoever.

Your Petitioners therefore in their own names and the names of their constituents do humbly
beseech Almighty God to accept of this their sincere intent and purpose

And do humbly pray that your Grace will be pleased to separate the said Edifice or Building
from all profane uses, and to dedicate and consecrate the same to the Honor and Worship of Almighty God
in exclusive connexion with the Church of England, and assign it to be the Church of St Paul's (Dawson)
Parish or District,

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

Robert G. Wakefield, Incumbent

J. J. Dawson, Poplar Garden
Robert G. Wakefield (Incumbent's Do)
J. J. Dawson,
C. P. H. H. H.

M. G. Dawson

Edwin



THE THIRD ST. PAUL'S

The within Parish was duly constituted, as provided by the Canon on Hierarchyal Organization, on the *second* day of *August* - A.D. 189*8*

Armanaway Registrar,

Deed of Formation.

St Paul's
Parish
Dean

Dated the *26th* day of *July*
189*8*

REVERSE SIDE - DEED OF FORMATION

In April 1901, Rev. Jeffery left to become General Missionary of the Diocese of Rupert's Land and Secretary of the Synod. He was replaced by A.W. Goulding, B.D., R.D., who only remained here until November 1902. The church was without a resident clergyman until January, 1903 when Rev. Wm. Walser took charge of the Parish. Rev. Walser became Rural Dean during his stay in Dauphin.

In April 1908, after twenty years of faithful service playing the organ for all services, Mrs. P.J. Beauchamp resigned as organist and Mrs. Dunaway took over this office.

This same year the congregation felt that the old vicarage was too far from the church and a committee was set up to decide whether to buy or build a new vicarage. At a special parishioner's meeting held in June it was decided to build a brick building beside the church, (the present Allard home). After several meetings and much discussion, it was decided to change the plans and build a second story, consisting of two rooms over the kitchen at an additional cost of \$150.00.

In 1910 Rev. Walser left Dauphin to return to England and Rev. A.S. Wiley, M.A., R.D. took up his duties at St. Paul's.

Once again the Anglican church in Dauphin found the church building was too small for the congregation and in 1913 it was decided to build a fourth church. Again there was much controversy as to where it should be built, and after many meetings it was decided to build at the south end of town and a site at the corner of 4th Avenue (then known as Wakefield Avenue, named after the Rev. Wakefield), was chosen. Two of the men who had helped build the first St. Paul's Gartmore, were again on the building committee, namely P.J. Beauchamp and H.B. Whitmore. This time the building committee looked to the future and decided to build a large brick church with a seating capacity of 300. Time has proven how very wise they were.



INTERIOR OF PRESENT ST. PAUL'S ABOUT 1920

The old frame church was used for worship for the last time on January 18th, 1914. It was sold to the Greek Catholic Church and moved to the South end of town.

The present church was dedicated by Archbishop Matheson the following week, January 25th, 1914. 400 persons attended morning service and 650 in the evening. Twenty members were confirmed.

The first wedding held in the present church was that of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stralak at 11:00 a.m. on November the eleventh, 1913. At that time the church was still under construction and the windows had not yet been installed; the openings for the windows had been covered with boards. Due to the lack of heat; the rector, Mr. Wiley, suggested that the marriage be performed in the Vestry.

The Rectors serving St. Paul's Anglican Church from the Dedication in 1914 were:

Rev. A.S. Wiley, M.A. R.D.	1910 - 1915
Rev. F.S. de Mattos, Ph.D. R.D.,	1915 - 1918
Rev. H.P. Barrett, R.D.	1919 - 1923
The Rev. Can. A.E. Cousins, M.A., M.C., R.D.	1924 - 1930
The Rev. W. Brailsford, L. Th., B.C., R.D.	1930 - 1935
The Rev. H.E. Bridgett, M.A., L. Th., M.C., R.D.	1935 - 1950
The Rev. Canon T.W. Wilkinson, R.D.	1950 - 1956
The Rev. M.T. Robinson, R.D.	1957 - 1962
Mr. Jeremy Van-Lane (Student)	1962
Rev. J.G. Heald	1962 - 1963
Rev. J.F. Moorhead	1963 -

The first record we have of envelopes being used for church tithing was in 1921 during Rev. H.P. Barrett's term of office at St. Paul's, when Mr. M. Wick was appointed envelope secretary. 52 envelope packages were given out. Also in 1921, twenty-four new seats were ordered at a cost of \$1,150.00. The W.A. agreed to pay for these new seats.

During Canon Cousin's six years with us, the Diocese of Rupert's Land was divided and the north west part of the province, of which Dauphin was a part, was made into the Diocese of Brandon on Sept. 7th, 1924, with Bishop Wilfred Thomas in charge.

In Rev. H.E. Bridgett's years of service in St. Paul's, he was made Arch-deacon. These years in the 1930's and early forties were known as the depression years and many were the schemes and plans put forth to reduce the principal of the mortgage, and also the interest on the debt and premium of the fire insurance. The W.A. was a wonderful help financially. In 1931 the W.A. pledged to look after the payment of the mortgage, and at a Vestry meeting, Nov. 28th, 1931, Mr. Crimes, Chairman of the Finance Committee, remarked in his jocular manner that the headache he had had all day had vanished with the news that the ladies were making the drive to pay off the mortgage, in place of the men. In December 1939, at the annual

Parishioners meeting, the W.A.'s report stated that the mortgage had been paid, showing a record of many suppers, banquets, teas, bazaars and concessions at fair time for many years, which meant hours and hours of hard work. The W.A. also worked and paid for a water powered pipe organ which they presented to the church and used for the first time in April of 1914. This organ was later replaced by a Hammond electric, presented in memory of the members of St. Paul who had given their lives during the second world War. Other organizations, the Guild, JB.W.A., G.B.W.A., and A.Y.P.A., all contributed, and a special canvass was made to pay for the organ when installed.

Much credit is due during this period of time to Mr. Robert James for his untiring efforts in keeping the church fabric and building in reasonably good condition, along with his gifts of choir and prayer books, carpeting the church and generosity with his cheque book. On his passing to Higher Service, the Bishop of Brandon sent a letter of sympathy to St. Paul's Vestry.

In the late thirties, the Vestry had to contrive ways and means to take the church property out of the tax sale before it could be Consecrated. Although money was hard to come by, the church congregation grew. The Annual report of the Rector in 1935 indicated there were 136 Anglican families, 225 confirmed members. Average attendance in mornings 106.7 and evenings, 57. In 1936, 200 families were attending services, an increase over 1933 when morning attendance was 86 and evenings 49.

In 1938 a committee was set up from the Vestry to meet with committees from other churches and together interview the Town Council regarding the prohibition of Sunday funerals. A result of this meeting was that Sunday funerals were greatly curtailed.

Finally the church property was clear of all encumbrances and a Petition for Consecration of St. Paul's Church, Dauphin, was presented to the Right Reverend Wilfred William Henry Thomas, D.D., Bishop of Brandon.

On November 10th, 1940, the Church was Consecrated by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Brandon. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Norris, B.A., L.Th. of St. George's Church, Brandon. In a colorful ceremony performed before a capacity congregation, Bishop Wilfred Thomas of Brandon consecrated St. Paul's Anglican Church by pronouncing the Sentence of Consecration, in part "And we do pronounce, decree, and declare that the said Church shall remain so consecrated, set apart, and dedicated for ever; in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". (Prayer Book - Page 688).

The Petition, requesting the consecration of the church was read by Rev. H.E. Bridgett, Rector of St. Paul's as Bishop Thomas entered the church, accompanied by G.B. Coleman, K.C. Chancellor for the Diocese of Brandon and Rev. Canon Norris, Brandon.

Mr. Frank Patrick, Rector's Warden, presented the deed of the Church land to Bishop Thomas, who then performed the service of Consecration. A formal document of Consecration was read by Chancellor Coleman and signed by Bishop Thomas.

Consecration of St. Paul's Church, Dauphin

in Manitoba, November 10th, 1940.

THE PETITION

To The Right Reverend WILFRID WILLIAM HENRY THOMAS, D.D.,
Bishop of BRANDON.

We, the Incumbent, Churchwardens, and other inhabitants of DAUPHIN, in MANITOBA, having acquired the Land, Lots 19 and 20 - Block 5 - Plan No. 243 Town of Dauphin in Manitoba, more particularly described in a deed between GEORGE LIGHTFOOT IRWIN of Dauphin in Manitoba, Bank Manager, and THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARISH OF ST. PAUL'S DAUPHIN, duly registered according to law in the Dauphin Land Titles Office on the twenty-sixth day of June in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve as Deed No. 114368, on which there is a Church, which we certify to be free from any legal incumbrance, do humbly pray you to separate the same from all profane and common uses, and to consecrate the said Church, and set it apart for ever for the worship of God, according to the rites and discipline of the Church of England in Canada.

And your petitioners will ever pray,

Harold E. Bridgett, Rector *W. J. James*
Frank, Churchwarden *Geo. T. J. Wuerker*
W. H. F. Kool (People's Warden) *J. W. B. B. B. B.*
J. W. Skinner *J. Whitmore*
A. H. H. H. H. L. R. *Barbara Arkin*
W. H. H. H. H. *Elizabeth Farrell*
W. H. H. H. H. *W. H. H. H. H.*

PETITION OF CONSECRATION FOR PRESENT ST. PAUL'S

The service marked the final removal of all encumbrances from the Church property.

On December 12th, 1940, an excerpt appeared in the Dauphin Herald and Press, setting out an article on the burning of the mortgage of St. Paul's Church - quote - "A landmark was set up in the history of St. Paul's Church on Tuesday, December 12th, when in the presence of a large congregation gathered in the basement, the long standing mortgage was solemnly burned.

Preceding the ceremony, a short program had been arranged, consisting of an accordin solo by Miss Yvonne Willis and songs by Messrs. A.J. Middleditch and Ronald Bridgett, the latter changing the words of his song so they suited the occasion most appropriately. Between these numbers the congregation sang Christmas carols and then the Church Wardens, Frank Patrick and Harold Atkin, together with officers of all organizations of the church, lined up on each side of Mrs. A.F. Farrell, retiring president of the W.A., under whose leadership so much of the work of paying off the mortgage has been accomplished.

The Rector, Rev. H.E. Bridgett, made a short speech reviewing all the work that lay behind the ceremony, and pointed out that it represented the united effort of the church through many years, all organizations pulling together so as to make this result possible.

Mrs. Farrell set fire to one corner of the document, using a match specially sent by Bishop Thomas, whose interest in this event is hardly less than that of the congregation. The mortgage curled up to ashes on a tray and with the final flicker, the congregation, with deep feeling sang the Doxology. Miss Grace Iredale presented Mrs. Farrell with a bouquet of pink carnations on behalf of the W.A.

F.W. Bumstead, one of the original signatories of the bond, spoke for his fellows in the venture saying that only he, with Dr. P.J. Beauchamp and R.W. James, still remain in the congregation.

A short quiz program conducted by Mrs. H.E. Bridgett concluded the entertainment, and the evening was brought to a close by refreshments served under the direction of Mrs. W.L. Irwin, President elect of the W.A." (End of Quote)

In the years following the Consecration of St. Paul's Anglican Church, prosperity seemed more pronounced and the long hard struggle to keep the church out of debt eased a bit. At a Vestry meeting on August 17th, 1943 a Regina firm, Waterman & Waterbury, and F. Bumstead of Dauphin, submitted bids for the installation of a Stoker furnace. The bids were reviewed and after discussion, Mr. Bumstead's bid for the heating unit was accepted for the sum of \$1,547.50. The Girls' Branch of the W.A. agreed to contribute \$100.00 and the Senior W.A. promised \$250.00. In September of that year the Vestry passed a motion that they hold a rummage sale in the old Jimmy Waite store, on November 20th, resulting in \$128.78 being realized to apply on the heating fund. By various contributions, etc., the heating unit was paid for at the end of 1943.

The matter of getting rid of the pigeons in the bell tower called for a good deal of ingenuity. Wire screens were placed in the eight tower windows and the pigeons cooperated by nesting in the eavestroughs.

During the Second World War years, great demands were made on the rector of St. Paul's owing to eleven ordained ministers from outside points being with the armed forces. In the Rector's absence, ministering to outside points, various Chaplains and members of the Air Force helped with our services. The 1942 Rector's Annual report showed 259 services taken by him during the entire year. The number of Parishioners in the armed forces had increased from 30 to 53. A Roll of Honour plaque was placed in the church with names of enlisted members inscribed thereon. Our Senior Sunday School at this time held a "gift" Sunday for those less fortunate, and a donation of \$10.34 was sent to the Mayor of Coventry to help alleviate the distress in that City.

The Diamond Jubilee of St. Paul's Church was celebrated on Sunday October 23rd, 1949. This called for great activity in preparation for the services, the duck dinner given by Vestrymen and their wives in honour of Archbishop and Mrs. Sherman on October 24th in the church basement, and the actual cleaning of the church. The following pertaining to this cleaning bee, was composed by the late Mrs. H.E. Bridgett:

"Now Harken my friends, while I tell you the story
How the folk of St. Paul's rose to heights of great glory.

The Church needed cleaning; we had not the dough;
"We'll do it ourselves" said the Vestry, and so

They borrowed long ladders, bought gallons of paint;
They dressed up in garments both shapeless and quaint.

BERT MIDDLEDITCH Labored with hammer and saw
And managed to put a large patch on the floor.

Who carried gold paint up to heights almost holy?
TUCKER, FURNEAUX and WADMAN, McMILLAN, PROMOLI.

The vestibule floor and the doors look so nice
Because of the efforts of WALTER FORDYCE.

Aloft with both paintbrush and duster went prowling,
Those characters dauntless TED SCRASE and JACK COWLING.

And how we'd have managed, I know not in sooth,
Without the bold deeds of our friend WILFRED BOOTH.

The radiators leaped from the walls without trouble
When BOUCHER, the muscle-man, roared "At the Double".

TED WYNES, with great speed, handled buckets of plaster;
A miracle could not have worked it much faster.

The swift-moving fingers of Mr. BOB MIDDLEDITCH
Handle organ, tools, paintbrush -- it really don't matter which.

The RECTOR, ascending to heights dim and dizzy,
Removed all the light-globes and kept the girls busy.

While GILCHRIST, disdaining the ladder-borne mob,
With his vacuum-cleaner put up a stout job.

And now I must sing of the 'ladies, God bless 'em;
If I left them all out, it would surely distress 'em.

Mesdames WILLIS and WILLIAMS, a sight fair to see,
Cheered our hearts with their presence, our tummies with tea.

The SPENCER GIRLS, working in sisterly line,
With elbow-grease plenty made all the pews shine.

Mrs. CLARICE, Mrs. DRINNAN, with daughters well trained,
No labors with pail, mop or duster disdained.

Misses BRUMMITT and BUNTING, two excellent lasses
Would rather paint baseboards than wrestle with classes.

FREDA PEERS, an old friend and a new one named BANNER,
Acquitted themselves in commendable manner.

JEN FURNEAUX scrubbed windows with might and with main,
When we next want them done, we'll invite her again.

NORMAN CHARD said his wife made him work harder far
Than ever he does for the old C.N.R.

We thus reached the goal towards which we were pressing,
Then came the ARCHBISHOP and gave us his blessing.

Here endeth my tale, and I hope, my dear neighbors,
You'll live long to enjoy all the fruits of your labors".

"M. B."

Sunday services at St. Paul's on the occasion of the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee, were at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The Most Reverend L. Ralph Sherman, M.A., B. Litt., D.D., Archbishop of Rupert's Land, taking charge. An Invitation to the Mayor and Town Council was accepted to attend church service, in a body. Mr. Middleditch as choir master, and the choir, excelled in their rendition of the hymns of praise at these services. 435 parishioners attended the services on this date.

in 1950, Bishop Thomas passed to Higher Service and Canon Norris was made Bishop of Brandon. Archdeacon Bridgett then left St. Paul's to become secretary of the Synod, Brandon.

Canon W.T. Wilkinson arrived in November 1950 to take charge of St. Paul's. He went to Brandon in December, 1956 to become Secretary of the Synod as Rev. Bridgett had taken another Parish. During Canon Wilkinson's six years with us, the struggle and labor of previous years bore fruit and much was accomplished at this time and many new beginnings were made. In 1951 the first Every Member Canvass was made and continues with amazing results, until the present time (1964). Radio services were commenced in 1952 and still continue. Fireside services were conducted in the Parish Hall after the evening services, once a month. Lunch was served by the Evening Branch of the W.A. and the Parishioners enjoyed a half hour of sociability.

The men of the church, each Fall, form a group organization and sponsor a Tea; the men choosing their own motif and dress for the occasion, serving the tea tables and doing their own kitchen work. A church flower calendar serves to remind those wishing to place flowers on the Altar in memory of loved ones and to the Glory of God.

In the Annual Report of 1955, the Rector reported in part:-

"The year 1955 was a memorable one for St. Paul's. We raised a large sum for repairs and made great gains in our Missionary giving.

Increases are also reported in the average attendance at Morning and Evening Prayer."

The Envelope secretary reported 152 sets of envelopes issued, of this number 117 were used regularly, 18 were partially used, and 10 not used. Eight envelope subscribers moved away.

Report of the Rector's Warden stated:- "It is a pleasure to be able to report continued progress concerning the maintenance and improvements of our buildings. We Believe that 1955 was one of our most outstanding years in this regard because of action taken at last year's Annual Meeting, when authorization was given to proceed with a Building Fund Appeal in 1955. Because of the support accorded this Building Fund Appeal we were able to do more repairs and alterations than for many years--because too of the equally important support of parishioners in providing many hours of voluntary work we are able to report a tremendous amount of work done for a minimum outlay of monies.

We list for the record some of the improvements effected during this past year;

- 1 The church roof was repaired and given a coat of aluminum paint.
- 2 The Rectory and garage roofs were given two coats of paint.
- 3 Built and installed a new set of stairs in the Church Hall.
- 4 Altered front steps at Rectory and completed porch.
- 5 Old steps removed and new adequate steps built at rear door of Rectory.
- 6 A new rear exit from the church hall was constructed.
- 7 The furnace room was completed at the time of construction of new exit.
- 8 Remodelled and built 2 new washrooms and small storage room.
- 9 Repaired cement floors of furnace room and washrooms.
- 10 Furnace in Rectory was completed with installation of sufficient cold air pipes.
- 11 New inside entrance doors in the church were constructed.
- 12 Electrical service was removed from former location and now installed in furnace room.
- 13 Oak flooring was laid on the platform under the church organ.
- 14 Redecorated the inside of the church .
- 15 Completed the kitchen.

The ladies organizations also had a most satisfactory year. The W.A. reported supplying arborite for the cupboards, and paint for the cupboards, walls and floor in the church kitchen, as well as their usual activities in Teas, bazaars and charity work and helping the Vestry when needed.

The Chapel Guild established a new Chapel in the north transept, formerly occupied by the pipe organ. The Lectern, a memorial to Mr. Robert William James was made by Mr. Middleditch. Mr. V. Wadman and Mr. Bert Middleditch made the Chapel altar. The Chapel chairs were made by Mr. V. Wadman, with book-racks for Prayer books and the seats upholstered in blue mohair. Hangings and carpet are in the same matching blue. The candlesticks on the Altar are in memory of Mrs. H.E. Bridgett, presented by the Guild.

After Canon Wilkinson's departure for Brandon, Rev. Marcus T. Robinson was appointed Rector on January 16th, 1957. His health followed a most faithful period of ministry, and on April 18th, 1962, Rev. Robinson was called to higher Service. Mrs. Robinson and family presented a new Altar Missal in his memory.

During Rev. Marcus T. Robinson's years with us, the congregation continued their spirit of unity. In 1958, the Bishop appealed to all the parishes to consider the goal of a self-supported Diocese. Each Parish was called on to do its best. The Well's Fund Raising Organization came into the Diocese for the purpose of discovering our potential. They met with us on three occasions. At the last meeting we were asked to make a pledge to the Diocese. It was the Peoples' Warden, Mr. A.E. Scrase, who proposed the motion that we go on record as assisting the Diocese to the extent of our ability. This proposition was accepted by our Parishioners. The parish agreed on the amount of \$5,000.00 per year, and made it. This was a great step in the direction of self-support and since that date our Parish has always met its commitment to the Diocese; truly, as Rev. Robinson expressed, "What we give away, we always have".

Services were held at Fork River, (All Saints), Winnipegosis (St. Michaels & All Angels), and Makinak, (Holy Trinity). Rev. A. J. Scrase assisted at All Saints, Fork River when Rev. Robinson was unable to attend. Winnipegosis received monthly ministrations during the winter, and two services a month during the summer. Makinak, Holy Trinity, usually closes for the winter. These are our Mission Churches. During Rev. Robinson's illness he was unable to attend these churches which he deeply regretted.

In the Rector's Report in 1961, are the Parochial Statistics as follows:

	Saint Paul's	All Saint's	Saint Michael's	Holy Trinity	Total
Families	227	19	12	20	278
Number of Persons	741	76	23	59	899
Adults not of families	48	4	3	8	63
Total Church Population	789	80	26	67	962
Confirmed persons	334	30	14	24	402
Communicants	189	18	14	12	233
Sunday Services	147	43	16	13	219
Holy Communion Services	112	8	6	4	126

These Mission Churches give a small sum to Diocesan Apportionment, and pay the clergyman's travelling expenses.

The Rector's Warden Annual report of this date reported:

"New aluminum windows have been installed on the Church. Although this was a large expenditure, the work was done with the thought of reducing the fuel expense and also to create more comfort during the winter months. New lights were installed in the Church. These were given as a memorial by Mrs. Florence Yeo.

Other improvements to the Church building, maintenance and repairs were carried out the following years, namely:

Storm windows were installed on the arch windows over the outside doors.

New doors were installed on the front of the Church by the Chapel Guild.

New steps and railing for the front entrance of the Church were constructed.

New coat rack and portable stage constructed for the Sunday School.

After the death of Rev. Marcus T. Robinson, the Bishop sent a student to take charge for the summer months in the person of Mr. Jeremy Van-Lane from Trinity College, Toronto. Following Mr. Van-Lane's return to college, Rev. J. G. Heald of Snow Lake took charge of the Parish until March, 1963. At this time the Bishop had contacted Rev. John F. Moorhead of St. John, N.B. Rev. Moorhead has served with the Canadian Army in Korea and Germany; it was while he was in Germany that Bishop Norris became acquainted with him. He is the son of the late Bishop Moorhead.

On March 17th, 1963 Rev. J. F. Moorhead, our present incumbent, preached his first sermon. The parishioners of St. Paul feel our Parish will be well guided in the future by this inspiring young man who has had a wide experience in parish work.

Prior to Rev. and Mrs. Moorhead's coming, the Vestry and W.A. joined forces to completely clean and renovate the Rectory, the kitchen receiving the most attention with new cupboards, new windows, partial partition removed, and registers placed to better advantage.

In the past few years the Chapel Guild have added greatly to the appearance of our church by having new carpet covering in the church and vestry. The Vestry and church entrance have been completely redecorated, interiors relined with cedar plywood and new linoleum floor covering the vestibule and steps leading to the bell tower. Recently the Guild purchased the Cassocks and material for the surplices for the Senior and junior choirs. The W.A. members sewed the surplices, under the direction of Mrs. W. Roberts.

Among the Communion Plate at St. Paul's is a very fine silver Chalice. It is a large Chalice with a large firm base. The base is divided into six sections each of which holds a brightly coloured symbol. Four of these symbols are those of the four Gospel writers, while the other two are plain crosses surmounted by the circle of eternity. The symbols of the gospel writers are as follows:-

The Man symbolizes St. Matthew because he stresses the human side of our Lord's life. The Lion symbolizes St. Mark, because he stresses the Kingly character of Christ. The Ox indicates St. Luke because of the Priestly (sacrificial) tone of his Gospel, and the Eagle represents St. John because he rises to great spiritual heights in presenting the Divine Character of our Lord. These symbols have their origin in Ezekiel 1;10 and are further emphasized in Revelation 4;7.

Around the stem of the Chalice are "decorated" letters of the Greek alphabet. These taken in order spell the Greek word for "Jesus". The cup itself is set in a scroll work of vines, representing of course, our Lord's words, "I am the true vine - ye are the branches".

The first edition of the new Anglican Prayer Book was issued in 1959. "Why a New Prayer Book" or "What was wrong with the old one?" is a question often asked. To quote from our Rector's report of 1960, "To attempt an answer is not my purpose, but I would like to draw your attention to the last paragraph of the Rev. J.G. McCausland's pamphlet, "A Plain Guide to the following and use of the Revised Prayer Book of the Anglican Church of Canada".

"The New Prayer Book is not a museum piece to show our Anglican heritage. It is "THE NEW LIFE" brought to our attention in the revised short exhortation of the Eucharist. Above all, the Breath of the Holy Spirit of Love hovers over the whole book. Because we by-passed Mediaeval and Reformation controversies, because we were true to our documentary terms of reference, and because we had love for the Brethern, the Holy Spirit was enabled to pour forth upon the twentieth General Synod, the richness of his Grace and give us unity of purpose because we had unity of faith and essential practice. The Living Word within the Living Liturgy makes the Living Church".

Dauphin has grown and is still rapidly expanding. Looking for further expansion, two lots were bought by the Diocese of Brandon in the north end of Dauphin. These are kept for a future church and parish hall.

In past years, the following men from this Parish have been ordained to the Sacred Ministry of the Church, and are now serving in Parishes in Western Canada; A.J. Scrase, John Patrick, A.R. Thomas, W.D. Bates, A.J. Middleditch, David Robinson.

The congregation of St. Paul's Anglican Church looks happily into the future, trusting in God's gracious mercy and guidance. May the Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and forevermore.

ABOUT YOUR CHURCH

- 1890 First Anglican Church building in Dauphin was built of logs.
- 1894 Second Church, know as All Saint's
- 1899 Third Church, known as St. Paul's
- 1912 Present Church - dedicated January 25th, 1914,
Consecrated November 10th, 1940.

Commencing with the Sanctuary, we find that the Altar, Reredos, Oak panelling and Communion rail, are a memorial to those who died in the service of King and Country during the 1914 - 1918 World War.

The Brass Altar furnishings - The Cross, a memorial to Margaret Mills.

The Vases, the gifts of Mrs. M. Wick and Mrs. A.F. Farrell.

The Missal Stand in memory of the Mission conducted by W. Guy Pearce, C.R.

The Alms Bason (1912) (no dedication)

The Candlesticks in memory of James Henry Maynard

The Sanctuary Chairs and Desks in memory of Percival C. Dearnley.

The Processional Cross in memory of Mr. And Mrs. M. Wick

The Clergy Stalls (Desk & Chairs) to the memory of Robert Gunn and Captain and Mrs. F. Scrase.

The Pulpit in memory of Margaret Isabella Hedderley.

Lectern in memory of Robert Gunn.

Litany Desk in memory of Jane E. Iredale.

Hymn Board in memory of Mrs. Wm. Boucher, Ethelwyn M. Stuart and Emma Rice.

Hymn Board - and Paintings in memory of Lillian Edith Lys, and Joan Eleanor Lys, now replaced by Hymn Board, and donated by Mr. A.J. Middleditch.

The original Pipe Organ was the gift of the local W.A. The screen is retained to separate the Chapel, which originally housed the organ.

The present Hammond Organ is a memorial to those who died during the Second World War. (1939-45)

The Flags - the Red Ensign and Union Jack were given in memory of Captain Frank Scrase.

The old Chapel, the present W.A. room, was furnished by Mr. A.J. Middleditch and Mr. E.A. Saville. Present furnishings by the W.A. The present Chapel and furnishings are the gift of the Chapel Guild. Candlesticks on the Chapel Altar are in memory of Mrs. H.E. Bridgett.

The original Choir room was built and furnished by Mr. Robert James, who also gave, among other gifts, the Choir Books and Congregational Service books, and carpeted the church. Present choir room rebuilt, the work done by Mr. Ted Wynes and Mr. Albert Redgate.

The Vestry furnishings of the first Vestry was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Padley.

Prayer Book, a gift of Harry P. Barrett, Oct. 21st, 1923.

Lectern Bible and Church Lighting in memory of Harvey Yeo, a gift of his wife and family.

Chalice and Paten to the memory of James and Lily Wilcock, a gift of Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Wilcock.

Two collection plates, the gift of Mrs. Ethel Whitmore.

Altar Missal, to the memory of Marcus T. Robinson, the gift of his wife and family.

New Choir Hymn books, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. George Brayshaw.

Memorials of the new edition of the Prayer Book were given by Mrs. Jack Yeo, in memory of her husband, Jack Yeo, also a gift of new Prayer Books by Mr. and Mrs. Bert Furneaux. Other members of the congregation have also given memorial Prayer Books.

New chairs for the Sunday School were given in memory of Mr. D. Bassett by his wife and family; and also in memory of Mr. Harvey Yeo by his wife and family. Other chairs were given by members of the congregation. The Sunday School altar was made and donated by Mr. A.J. Middleditch.

At the present time only five of the pews have dedications. Two are given from the G.B.W.A. and J.B.W.A. One in memory of the Nash family, one in memory of Henry Cardiff and one in memory of Mr. D. Bassett.

The Font Cover is a memorial to Alfred Maynard.

On the walls of the Church are the two W.A. Crosses, memorials to departed members, and one marble plaque to the memory of Garth Phare, who gave his life in World War I.



